

## CADET DUELS AT ANNAPOLIS.

"FIGHTING BOB" EVANS' OPINION OF A YOUTH WHO WHIPPED FOUR MEN IN ONE NIGHT.

From The Chicago Times-Herald.

Readers of "Tom Brown's School Days" and "Tom Brown at Oxford" will find the book for the manliness of them. The manliness consists of a boy—ready to give with a generous heart, to help with a willing hand and to fight with a willing blow. Tom Brown, fighting blood in him, came down to him in a red stream from the white-skinned Saxons who, drunk with the liquor of battle, reeled around the dragon and slayed it. It is a good thing for America that there is a blood in the veins of its sons. Writers may write and preachers may preach, but the world—our world at least—will take to its arms the boy who is as anxious to fight as to play. It preaches great things, him and his army, to help him along. Out of these battles come blackened eyes and bloody noses, but no harm. Self-defense is born of them, and the ability to make a hard hand guard. There used to be an old fellow in Gollard County, Tex., who expressed his utter condemnation of a neighbor in this way: "Smite him on one cheek and I'll turn the other." Smite him on the other and he'll have you arrested. Then he spat in disgust.

It is not known that the authorities of the Naval Academy at Annapolis encourage dueling. There is no rule like the books for the cadets to follow the advice of dead Sam Randall and "get together" as often as possible. But it is certain that they do not discourage it. There are no rules for the cadets to follow. The preceptors have stood afar and watched the battles through spy-glasses, granting at each well-delivered blow, and betting cheerfully among themselves. The cadets, however, are not of this class. It is the younger cadets—those in their first year—come in a little while to believe that the powers are very friendly to a fighter and would offer active encouragement. This is not the case. It is necessary, which it isn't. This state of affairs may not conduce to study, but it does conduce to the development of muscle and the fattening of the fighting instinct. Now four or five years ago, a young cadet, Evans, who was a member of the Annapolis Academy, and wandered into Baltimore, where he spiced a multiplicity of main braces. As a result he first whipped a cab driver, then whipped a friend of the cab driver, then he was whipped by a friend of the cab driver. He got back to the grounds badly battered, but standing up well under his canvas. The affair made some noise, and the cadet was dismissed. They met him "Fighting Bob" Evans and mistakenly detailed the circumstances, requesting his influence. "What?" belied that veteran. "Dismiss a man like that? He's a damned fool in one night." Evans said, "You are a crazy? What in the blue do you think a naval officer is for? When he graduates give him to me. Put him on my ship. I want a hullabaloo like that."

In the matter of thumping his fellow there are certain rules governing the cadet. They are less onerous, but ironclad nevertheless. The cadet must be a member of the corps on an instant. All results must be accounted for on the spot. The only spots exempt are the chapel and the classroom. The combatants are immediately separated by any one standing guard. A first-year man permitted to stand in the seniors. After that the code has play. The combatants name two seconds each. These lay the matter before a member of the senior class. The place is always an open space behind the gymnasium. It is not turf, but is ground worn bare and hardened by many feet. It has been reddened time and again. The time is always the afternoon of some Saturday. No meetings are allowed on week days. The rules are Marquis of Queensberry—three-minute rounds and no gloves are worn. Wrestling is not permitted of course. Occasionally, however, when one of the combatants has had two years' training in the sparring school, and the other a third, a second style of "rough and tumble" fracas is allowed.

Always a senior class man is master of ceremonies, appellate court and supreme court in these fistie litigations. The cadets are not permitted to quarrel, but all points of dispute are submitted to the senior. His decision is never questioned. A fight is fought out until one of the men is deemed incompetent to continue. Then he is borne to the hospital. The sponge never goes up until he is made fit for a cot. Woe to the warrior who cries enough or quits when he is able to continue. Nothing is left in him save to depart with a clean conscience. His classmates and the men in his dormitory will not speak to him. He is "coverted." There is no instance where these bare-knuckled duels have resulted in anything but participants are endowed with the blessing of youth, and are always in condition.

So numerous are cadet combats that during the first six months of a year, until all of the newcomers have whipped somebody or been whipped, there is often not time of a Saturday afternoon to finish with the fights dated for that week, or, surprisingly, to begin with the fights of the following week. The cadets are not allowed to fight on Sunday. Frequently there will be a dozen disputes set for settlement at the same time. It sometimes happens that a cadet cannot reach his room at night without an appearance on the field of honor, but the occurrence is as rare as a black swan. The courage of such men is looked on with great solicitude by their countrymen. The cadets are regarded as a necessary complement to an education, and escape would seem impossible to any man who could be made to resent an insult.

All of this does not mean that the cadets are not required that this should be so. The opposing youngsters become faster friends than ever. It is Sir Lucius O'Trigger who says: "It is astonishing how few of the boys who have you have fought with him." War is a profession with these wards of the Government. With them courage is a necessity. Each battle strengthens it. The checks of fond mothers at home would be blown to the winds if their sons were pummeled, but their respected and respectable fathers would dance upon one leg and howl with delight. It is in us and it can't be talked out of us. The blue school is not talked out of us. What in the blue school are naval officers for?

## SHE MIGHT.

From The Chicago Post.

"Could you learn to love me?" he asked.

"I don't know," she answered, thoughtfully.

"The cause of education is a noble thing," she said, and it is possible to learn most any old thing.

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## THE MARKETS.

## TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

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Corn	2,000,000 bushels
Rice	500,000 bushels
Sugar	100,000 tons
Coffee	50,000 tons
Tea	20,000 tons
Spices	10,000 tons
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Vegetables	3,000 tons
Livestock	1,000 tons
Poultry	500 tons
Fish	200 tons
Game	100 tons
Miscellaneous	50 tons

## CASH QUOTATIONS.

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Corn	0.50
Rice	0.25
Sugar	1.00
Coffee	0.50
Tea	0.25
Spices	0.10
Fruits	0.05
Vegetables	0.03
Livestock	0.01
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